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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, No. 2:25-CR-00074-MWF

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[18 U.S.C. § 39B(a)(2), (c)(1): Unsafe Operation of an Unmanned Aircraft]

[Class A Misdemeanor]

The Acting United States Attorney charges:

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

v.

PETER TRIPP AKEMANN,

[18 U.S.C. \S 39B(a)(2), (c)(1)]

On or about January 9, 2025, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendant PETER TRIPP

AKEMANN operated an unmanned aircraft, namely, a DJI model Mini Pro 3, and recklessly interfered with, and disrupted the operation of, an aircraft carrying one or more occupants operating in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States, namely, a Canadair Super Scooper firefighting

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aircraft flying aerial missions to combat the Palisades Fire, in a manner that posed an imminent safety hazard to the occupants of the firefighting aircraft. JOSEPH T. MCNALLY Acting United States Attorney DAVID T. RYAN Assistant United States Attorney Chief, National Security Division IAN V. YANNIELLO Assistant United States Attorney Chief, Terrorism and Export Crimes Section KEDAR S. BHATIA Assistant United States Attorney Terrorism and Export Crimes Section